



Charles Ortman and Kenny Himes discuss strategy used to capture the Kearney title. Photo by Chuck Stoltz.

Debaters defend Kearney title

Debaters Kenny Himes and Charles Ortman won first place at the 36th annual Platte Valley Forensics Tournament, Kearney State College, Kearney, NE, Sept. 30. This was the second consecutive year the NWMSU team placed first at the tournament.

Himes and Ortman competed against 24 teams from a six-state area. They defeated Missouri Western State College during the quarterfinals in a 3-0 decision, the University of North Dakota in the semifinals 3-0 and the University of Nebraska at Lincoln Cornhuskers during the final rounds in a 2-1 decision.

"We're doing better now than last year at this time," said Ortman. "This had been our first debate of the season last year. This year, we've already attended one tournament prior to this in Illinois, and now we've defended our title at Kearney."

In addition to placing first as a team, Himes and Ortman received individual awards. For individual speaking, Himes took first place and Ortman placed fifth, while in the extemporaneous portion of the tournament, Himes won second and Ortman, fourth.

The previous week, Sept. 24-25, Ortman and Himes took fifth and sixth places respectively out of 88 contestants at the Western Illinois University Invitational Debate Tournament.

This was a significant victory for the team, Ortman explained, because the competing schools, such as the University of Kansas, are much larger than NWMSU, and their resources are vast.

"The Illinois tournament proved that NWMSU can compete with the best schools in the nation," said Ortman.

Ortman is optimistic that the team will make the national debate tournament this year if it "keeps breaking into the elimination rounds of these larger tournaments."

The team will have an opportunity to try to do this again at their next competition at Kansas State University, Oct. 14-17.

To prepare for their upcoming competition and all the tournaments they compete in, the team must put in a lot of research and library time.

"We've had to go to the law library at the University of Missouri at Kansas City to prepare for this last debate in order to keep up with the colleges that have law libraries," said Ortman.

Due to the amount of time that debating consumes, the team finds that there is little left over for relaxing.

"You learn to discipline yourself, schedule your time between classes and studying," said Himes. "There's little time for partying."

A senior marketing major, Ortman has debated for eight years. He hopes to attend law school in Wyoming and would like to go into business law.

Himes is a transfer student from Hutchinson Community College in Hutchinson, KS. A business major and a junior, he debates because he "enjoys the competition and the research" and feels it "helps keep the brain in shape."

He would like to attend Kansas State University Law School and specialize in consumer protection.

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Homecoming schedule slated

"A Tribute to Walt Disney" sets the atmosphere for Homecoming 1977. This theme was chosen by the members of the Homecoming committee and their chairmen, Terry Heath and Brian Crawford.

As in the past, this year's Homecoming offers many activities. The variety show, olio acts, queen competition, house decorations and the annual parade are open to students and organizations of NWMSU.

The festivities begin Oct. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building Auditorium

when the variety show opens for a three-day run. Also on this night, the winner of the queen competition will be announced during the variety show. Tickets for the variety show will be on sale in the Alumni Office two days prior to the show.

Saturday at 9:30 a.m. the parade will take place. The parade consists of floats, clowns and jalopies, all entered by organizations on campus. Area bands have been invited to march in the parade, too. Tentatively scheduled to participate in the

parade is State Representative Tom Coleman.

Following the parade is the Alumni Banquet from 11-1 in the Union Ballroom. At 2 p.m. the fighting Bearcats will host Central Missouri State at Rickenbode Stadium.

Saturday evening there will be a dance held in Lamkin Gymnasium at 9. At no admission cost, students will be able to dance to the sounds of "Bullets." During the dance winners of the parade competition will be announced.

Brailey reinstated

NWMSU's security staff problems have been resolved.

The result of the investigation by the review committee was completed Sept. 30, and Brailey was reinstated with full authority. "Our investigation revealed that Mr. Brailey has been doing his job in an outstanding manner," Dr. Owens said.

James Ebrecht, as a result of the review, has been terminated from his security force position. In addition, one officer has been reduced in rank but retained on the force.

Prior to the recent review, Robert E. Nott, Jr., security investigator, resigned effective Oct. 1.

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Polka Down

Students danced to the Ron Nederly Polka Band Wednesday night at the annual IRC Oktoberfest. Prizes were awarded for yodeling and chugging. Oktoberfest T-shirts served as tickets for admission to the event. Photo by Jay Liebenguth.

Students spend summer abroad



Darrell Hute and Steve Hawks share memories of their summers spent in Germany and Spain as Outbound Ambassadors of the Experiment in International Living. Photo by Frank Mercer.

Suzanne Cruzen

Spain, Germany and an "experience of another culture to broaden my perspective" were what Steve Hawks and Darrell Hute encountered this summer through the Outbound Ambassador Program sponsored by the University.

This aspect of "The Experiment in International Living" was supported by a \$1100 scholarship. According to Dr. Channing Horner, assistant professor of foreign languages and past chairman of the Ambassador Program Committee, the experiment is "designed to give an opportunity to see the country from a non-tourist point-of-view."

"I experienced the sort of life that usually passes by the typical sightseer," said Hawks of his experience in Spain. Hawks spent six weeks in Spain--three in Oriedo for the home-stay period of the Outbound Ambassador Program and three traveling by himself and visiting friends in Madrid.

Why did he choose Spain? "I'm an art major, and I'm minoring in Spanish and had an interest in Spain. My uncle used to live there for two years, so I had friends over there."

According to Hawks, "most towns in Spain were like miniature New Yorks" and Oriedo was no exception. His homestay weeks were spent with a middle-income family in this mountain town. Living in the typical high-rise apartment, his "father" worked in a bakery and his "mother" worked in a beauty shop with her sister.

Recreation in Spain varies from that of the U.S., according to Hawks. There, people buy season tickets to the bullfights, spend time knocking down bowling pins on strings and drink cider in the traditional way.

"You hold the bottle over your head and pour into the glass which you hold down as low as you can, and you don't look at the bottle or the glass--you just pour it. Then you have to down it all at once and leave a little in the bottom and throw it on the floor," said Hawks.

Another event in Spain is the discotheque which he attended with his "mother's" 19-year-old sister. Hawks noticed the differing dating habits of the Spanish. "When they go dancing, everybody just gets up and dances at once. They don't necessarily dance one guy-one girl system...they just have a good time."

During his 16-day individual travel, Hawks followed museums and art galleries around the country. In one city, while waiting for a sculpture museum to open, he was approached by a boy who wanted to know where he had gotten his NWMSU shirt. "I tried to wear this shirt at least once in every city just for publicity's sake and to show my allegiance," said Hawks.

After the explanation, the boy invited Hawks to go swimming with him and his brother and later to lunch. Later the boys' parents invited him to dinner. "I was really amazed at the generosity of the Spanish," said Hawks.

While staying with friends in Madrid, Hawks had the opportunity to meet Maruja Mall who was a contemporary of Picasso. His friends had some of her paintings in their home, and Hawks felt "it would have been neat to bring one of their paintings back."

Blue Key honors Owens

President B.D. Owens was selected by Blue Key Honorary Fraternity as the September Man of the Month. He was honored at the group's monthly dinner meeting for his able leadership and stellar accomplishments since assuming the presidency.

Every month Blue Key honors either a student or a staff member who has made vital contributions to NWMSU.

Officers are Leo Brooker, pres.; Lilbon Clark, vice-pres.; Steve Scroggins, Sec.; Brian Crawford, Treas. Other members are Rex Gwinn, Dale Knowlton, Dick Blair, Tim Bell, Bob Glenn, Darryl Zellers, Ted DeVore, and Kirk Mathews.

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For Hawks the experiment was an opportunity to "learn a lot about yourself and how to deal with people and unexpected situations."

For Darrell Hute "the relationships I had with the people" was the most valuable aspect of his four-week Ambassador Program to Germany. He spent three weeks in his homestay of Kassel in central Germany and one week with his group in Berlin.

His group members were all 21-25 years old. "I was with six girls," Darrell laughed. "It was pretty good." Before proceeding to Germany, his group participated in a three-day orientation period in Belgium.

Why did he chose Germany? "My grandparents on my mother's side are from Germany...I had some German in high school...I picked Germany, too, because it is centrally located in Europe. I'm an art major and there were some things I wanted to see in Europe."

"I couldn't have gotten a better homestay. It was just perfect," said Hute. His "family" was a young couple who worked four hours daily as art therapists teaching art to drug addicts and alcoholics. They were also art students at the art academy in Kassel.

"They lived much of the same way as I do," said Hute. "All of the girls in my group were put into families like doctors, psychologists, really upper-class people. I experienced some of the frustrations of the girls...it was just kind of a foreign environment, but with me it was just like home."

According to Hute, it was just the little things that made Germany different from U.S. culture. "Things you take for granted...like turning on T.V. or like having ketchup with french fries. Those things really sound corny, but after a few weeks you start getting tired of that and start looking forward to coming home."

Another difference was the comparable price of German wine and water. Because much of the water in Germany isn't good to drink, "you usually have to buy it, and it tastes like Alka Seltzer, so I drank a lot of wine." According to Hute, a good bottle of German wine could be purchased for \$1.50.

Hute discovered that the experiment differs from tourist travel. He stressed that time was spent "at home with your family or with your group, so you really get to know the people."

Another goal of the Outbound Ambassador Program is, according to Dr. Horner, "to promote international understanding."

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Germany different from U. S. culture.**

"Europeans seem to be really well-informed about what is going on, not only in general but in the world," observed Hute. "They are really culturally informed as far as art is concerned. People go to concerts, operas, just to the art galleries. They really take advantage of what they have around them, and I found that stimulating."

Hawks said, "Everybody I talked to seemed to think that Americans were great people. Then at times you found the situation where they really liked the Americans on the one hand for the people they were and, on the other hand, really condemned or disliked American influence in the rest of the world."

Hawks and Hute were chosen as Ambassadors from about ten applicants last spring. The application process includes the completion of a medical form and two reference forms and an interview with the Ambassador Program Committee.

"I was just walking through the Union one day and saw the sign (about the Ambassador Program) and thought it was worth a try," reflected Hute. Now after his experience in Germany he said, "I wish they (his friends) could have seen what I saw."

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Looking ahead for a short, yet highly rewarding vacation idea for spring break? Trying to think of a way to break out of your day-to-day patterns?

Then borrow the sense of adventure from Cindy McNelly and hike down into the Grand Canyon.

Difficult though it may sound, Cindy testified that the Arizona trail she and three friends chose last summer is not overly steep--making it possible for book-blinded students to join the "back to nature" movement.

What the trail lacked in challenge, it made up in reward, according to Cindy. "We didn't want to take the main tourist trails, with lodges and restaurants at the bottom," she explained. "So a friend recommended a trail that led through the smaller Suapi Canyon down into the Grand Canyon."

After hiking down nine miles of dry, barren ground, the base of the Suapi Canyon "was so rewarding. It's like paradise, with lush vegetation, springs and waterfalls," Cindy said. The trail belongs to the Suapi Indian tribe, so their permission must be obtained to enter the smaller canyon.

Cindy recommends making reservations well in advance, obtaining the number of the Suapi village from the Grand Canyon Park Service. "It's not hard to get--there is only one Suapi village, and they only have one phone."

The lack of communication is reason to be well equipped on the trail. "Even though there is a cafe and grocery store in the village," Cindy explained, "the Indians won't open them if they don't want to."

Whether the stores are open or not, hikers won't have to carry water on the final, level, nine-mile stretch from the village to the Colorado River and the Grand Canyon. "We had to cross the Suapi River three times," Cindy laughed. "We also



saw four waterfalls and got water from streams and from where it ran down walls. The waterfalls were beautiful, with ice blue pools. We went swimming in them, even back behind the falls."

Allowing a day each to hike to the village, then to the Grand Canyon and two days to come back, the group kept their vacation within a time limit. Sleeping in tents, they enjoyed their relative isolation. According to the art major, "it was kind of nice--no phones or anything. If anyone wanted to get in touch with us, they'd have to go to a lot of trouble."

Isolation was not complete on the trail, however, since the Suapi allow 117 people in their canyon at one time. "We especially saw a lot of mule trains," Cindy added, "since this was the only way to get supplies to the village. We would be so tired and our backpacks would be heavy, and here these people would be riding past us!"

Although this was her first hiking experience outside of more crowded areas in Colorado, Cindy doesn't plan to make it her last. "I still can't believe I did it," she admitted. "I'm trying to talk my roommate into going back with me--I'm ready to go again."

Agriculture fraternity members inducted

Seventeen agriculture majors were initiated into membership in Delta Tau Alpha national honorary agriculture fraternity September 26.

The fraternity promotes and recognizes high standards of scholarship, leadership, and character. Membership requirements include the completion of 15 or more hours of agriculture classes and at least a 2.5

Freshman recruitment expands

Student Senate has formed a committee to increase freshmen enrollment by actively recruiting high school students.

"In the past, the senior weekend was the only form of recruitment we've had," said Deb Mullen, chairman of the committee.

The committee plans to improve this situation by inviting high school seniors to a number of activities throughout the year. It is currently drawing up a calendar of events to send to the high schools.

"The basic idea is like inviting high school drama departments to see our plays, to let them see the campus as we are on a day-to-day basis," said Mullen.

The committee is also developing a host/hostess program in which students from various campus organizations and departments would volunteer to give high school students tours of the University, and try to acquaint them with the campus' facilities and programs.

Although it's just beginning, Mullen is "excited about the program." She's looking for a good response to the host/hostess program since many students have helped in the past with the senior weekends.

"If high school students have had a

personal contact with a college, they're more likely to remember it," said Mullen.

"This school has a lot to offer--a high quality education, with a chance to interact with instructors on a one-to-one basis, something that you don't get at larger schools," she said. "You're not just a number here."

NCA visit is planned

Dr. Leon Miller, dean of graduate studies, and Dr. Merle Lesher, instructor of secondary education, are collecting statistics on the campus undergraduate and graduate programs in preparation for accreditation from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

This self-study will be completed by Dec. 1, 1977, and sent to NCACS headquarters.

The undergraduate and graduate programs have had continued accreditation from the organization since spring, 1975, when the graduate program was removed from preliminary accreditation.

Other characteristics of the University, such as developments, changes, consolidations and phase-outs since 1974 will be included in the self-study.

Visitation for the accreditation will be in the spring.

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When you're interested in music and woodworking, it's only natural to make musical instruments, at least if your name is Dana Whitney.

Whitney, son of assistant music professor, Gilbert Whitney, has combined his background in music with his industrial arts major to create two dulcimers and a Celtic harp. He is presently working on a classical guitar.

The second semester junior has been involved in music since he was six years old, but just took up woodworking a year and a half ago when he took a beginning woods course at NWMSU.

It was in this course that Whitney made his first dulcimer. A dulcimer is a three-stringed biblical instrument which has a sound almost like bagpipes.

Whitney, 21, built the first dulcimer for his father. The elder Whitney, besides being a vocal instructor is interested in ancient instruments. Coinciding with this interest, the professor sponsors the University's Madralier Singers who in turn sponsor the annual Madrigal Feast held at Christmas. The dulcimer was used for the feast last year.

Whitney completed the dulcimer in a five-week course. On completion of the instrument, his instructor, Kenneth Thompson who is now retired, was as proud as Whitney. Thompson told him it was the first time one of his students had made a musical instrument in class.

Once Whitney had made the forms for this first dulcimer, the second did not take as much time.

"I'd like to be independent enough
to make anything I might need."

The forms are an important part of the instrument. They have to be correct or the instrument will not play right. For the dulcimer, Whitney had to construct his own bending forms, clamping forms, purfling (decorative border), purfling cutter and special clamps.

After he completed his second dulcimer, Whitney wanted to build a harpsicord. But, because he lacked funds, he resorted to making a harp.

Whitney said he bought a kit and he added ideas of his own.

"The next one I may make larger," Whitney said.

Whitney, who plays more than nine instruments already, learns the history of the instrument as he makes it. He also learns how to play it.

Although Whitney's background in music stimulated his interests in creating the instruments, his interest has been held by other reasons also.

Whitney admitted a deep interest in ancient instruments, but said he also got into the projects because of another student.

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Dana Whitney displays some of his handcrafted instruments. Beside him are two dulcimers, ancient Biblical instruments. Whitney holds a celtic harp and his current project, a classical guitar. Photo by Chuck Stoltz.

"I got the idea from an art student who made a dulcimer and an Irish harp. I decided I wanted to do something like that, too," he said.

Another reason Whitney has continued his craft is money.

"I was interested in a guitar and checked out the prices. I found it would cost \$300 or \$400 and thought I could turn out one just as good," the music enthusiast said.

He also said one of his goals, "is to be independent enough to make anything I might need."

The classical guitar he is working on now is still in pieces but already recognizable.

The percussion specialist has created the guitar after looking at three books and combining some of the methods of each book into a plan he wanted.

Wood for the instruments is important. Much of the rosewood, ebony, ivory and mahogany, Whitney needed for the guitar had to be purchased in Kansas City. The Norwegian spruce, a close-grained wood needed for the sound board, was also obtained in Kansas City.

"When I get this done and have all the bugs out, I want to make a matching set of 12-stringed guitars and another classical guitar," Whitney said.

Some of his other goals are to build replicas of Louis XIV furniture and work with intricate inlays of gold and silver in the wood.

As to his plans after graduation, Whitney is still uncertain. He said he could use his industrial arts in secondary education major and instruct at the college level. But, if he did this he would want to teach a specific area such as woods, or fine woods.

On the other hand he said, "I might combine my interest in music and wood and build instruments."

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Instructor David Shestak, director of *Dark of the Moon*, gives some last-minute instructions to the cast. *Dark of the Moon* premieres Oct. 6 and runs through Oct. 9, in the Charles Johnson Theater in the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building. All seating is reserved, so tickets must be obtained in advance. Photo by Jay Liebenguth.

Nigerians celebrate national independence; Americans join

In this country, our 201 years of independence is taken increasingly for granted. The fourth of July is a fun day of fireworks and family picnics, but how many stop to realize the real significance of this day?

By contrast, Oct. 1 is a real day to celebrate for Nigerians, for this date marks the seventeenth year of independence from British colonial rule. In 1960, Nigeria became a free and independent state—a date within the lifetime of every Nigerian student on this campus.

Every year, a celebration of Nigerian independence and culture takes place here, organized by the Nigerian Student Union. Last Thursday and Friday an exhibition featuring elements of Nigerian life and culture was held in Harambee House. Among the many items displayed were Nigerian folk costumes, musical instruments, carvings and antiques. American students had the opportunity to view these cultural items as well as to actually wear the costumes and learn to dance Nigerian-style to recordings of classical folk music.

Saturday night was the date set for the Independence Day party, an annual event to which all persons are invited. Nigerian women spent all day Saturday preparing such typical dishes as moi-moi, made from peeled blackeye peas, eggs and corned beef; chim-chim, a kind of pastry-type

cookie; Ngwo-ngwo, a pepper soup, and jollof, a peppery-hot sauce mixed with rice. A main entree was goat, the principal meat source of Nigeria.

The party was attended by many Americans who were able to see Nigerians clothed in bright, flowing costumes and taste real Nigerian food. The party and dance was held in the home of Ekere and Nsuna Mbang. An announcement made by Albert Uzoikwe, Nigerian Student Union president, concerned the forthcoming visit on Oct. 10 of Nigerian president Obasanjo to Washington. This will be Obasanjo's first diplomatic visit to the U.S.

By contrast to the American Fourth of July, Oct. 1 is a real day to celebrate for Nigerians

Exchanging cultural information and promoting better understanding among Nigerians in this country and Americans, as well as celebrating Independence Day was the reason given for this celebration. As one Nigerian student said, "We are here to get an education, and then we want to go home. But while we are here, we want to make as many American friends as possible and to learn all we can about the country we must live in for some years."

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'Trinity' tops bestseller list

Dave Gieseke

One of the greatest story tellers of our time has done it again. This time though, his novel is not only a best seller in the United States but throughout the world.

Leon Uris, author of such greats as *Exodus* and *QB VII*, this time writes an epic novel of Ireland.

After spending 60 consecutive weeks on The New York Times bestseller list, it has finally been printed in paperback. It has already jumped up to number one on most bestseller lists.

Trinity is a story of three families who are involved in the conflict of early 20th Century Ireland.

The novel centers on the Larkin Family. Catholic farmers, the Larks are looked upon by their fellow townspeople as the unofficial mayors of their tiny community. The family is headed by Tomas, the father, whose spirit was crushed by the famine of 1845 and Conor, the young rebel and son of Tomas who does not want to end up like his father.

The second family of the trinity is the MacCleods, Belfast shipworkers. The MacCleods are much like the Larks with only one major difference—their religion. Protestants, they nonetheless do not discourage the relationship between their daughter Shelly and Conor. Their neighbors, on the other hand, don't approve and start to ridicule and snub the MacCleods.

The third family is the aristocratic Hubble clan. Owners of both the Larkin land and the shipyard the MacCleods work, the Hubbles control and manipulate the lives of many, Catholic and Protestants alike.

They are led by Lord Roger, ruthless and obsessed with the making of money. Lady Caroline, wife of Roger and just as ruthless, is obsessed with the idea of bringing some sort of culture to Roger and Londonderry, the darkest point of Ireland. Rounding out the family is Lady Caroline's father, Sir Fredrick Weed. Weed, a Belfast shipping and railway tycoon, combines forces with Hubble in an attempt to keep Ireland with England. His plan: playing the Orange card, Protestant power.

There are other characters, though; most notably Conor's lifelong friend Seamus O'Neill. Through Seamus, Uris sets the stage for the novel. Seamus is the narrator and Conor's sidekick throughout the novel and this writer's favorite character.

Other characters are Long-Dan Sweeney, the long suffering commander of the Irish Republican Brotherhood, Atty Fitzpatrick, a Protestant aristocrat who gave up her title to help the Irish Catholics and Robin MacCleod, Shelly's brother and Conor's rugby mate who does not understand the feelings of the Protestants against the Catholics.

In this novel, Uris takes us from the Larkin farm to the Bogside slums of Londonderry to the shipyards of Belfast. He also takes the reader behind the smoke-filled rooms of British politics. He shows the hardships and superstitions of the Catholics and explains the reasons behind the conflicts in Ireland today.

Trinity, even though over 800 pages, is interesting reading that keeps you wanting more. From page to page you are treated with more knowledge about the Irish people than you would ever find in any encyclopedia. *Trinity* is truly a must for anyone who enjoys reading just for the fun of it.

Chamber music highlighted

Two romantic quintets by Ernst von Dohnanyi and H.H.A. Beach plus Eight (short) Pieces by Paul Hindemith will be performed by the five-member Intercollegiate Chamber Ensemble, sponsored by the Performing Arts and Lecture Series Committee.

The program will be presented 8 p.m., Oct. 11 at the Charles Johnson Theatre, in the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building. This event is free to students with an activity ticket.

First violinist Margaret Davis Kew is professor of violin at Benedictine College in Atchison KS, and has recently appeared

with the Kansas City Symphony. The second violinist, Louis Reimer, is the concert master of the St. Joseph Symphony and a graduate.

Cellist Raymond Stuhl founded the Kansas University Chamber Music Series and this year directed it in its thirtieth season. Dr. Donald Sandford and Mary Jane Sandford are faculty members at this university. Dr. Sandford is also principal violist of the St. Joseph Symphony. The group has been together, with few changes, for the 16 years since its organization.

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Counseling clinic meets need

NWMSU's Department of Psychology/Guidance currently conducts a Counseling Practicum Clinic on Monday evenings at Hake Hall.

Dr. Richard Wantz, assistant professor of psychology/guidance and director of institution testing, explains the clinic deals with problems involved in job changes, seeking employment, understanding vocational interests, depressions and anxiety, boredom and problems with social relationships.

Under the supervision of doctoral level counselors, the counseling is provided by NWMSU graduate students, who are in their final course in counseling or counseling/guidance.

In addition to counseling, the practicum clinic also provides services for educational and psychological testing. Included in this area would be vocational interest inventory and intelligence testing and assessment.

Cost for the counseling and testing services is free except for the cost of the testing materials used. The usual cost for

testing materials is one dollar, and the most any one test costs is four dollars.

Persons interested in participating in the clinic should contact the psychology/guidance office at Hake Hall. Dr. Wantz says for those individuals who can't participate on Monday evenings, additional times for counseling could be set up on a limited basis. According to Wantz, the Practicum Clinic will also offer referrals to other clinics.

"If we feel we have a case too serious for us to handle, we offer alternative clinical resources to see that the person gets the help he needs," says Dr. Wantz.

The Counseling Practicum Clinic will take place every Monday evening during the fall semester and will move to Tuesday evenings during the spring semester.

Foundation establishes scholarship in honor of ex-President Foster

Barbara Alexander

Nearly \$50,000 donated in honor of former President Robert P. Foster will provide scholarship money to be awarded for the 1978-79 school year.

The Northwest Missouri State University Educational Foundation, Inc., serves as trustee of the Foster scholarship fund as well as several others. Foster, in what has been called his greatest achievement as University president, helped organize the Foundation in 1971.

The Foundation met recently on campus for their annual meeting. Officers are J. Norvel Sayler, president, Leigh Wilson, vice-president, Harold Voggeser, treasurer, and Donald Carlile, secretary, all of Maryville. Voggeser and Carlile serve as ex-officio members.

Incorporated in April 1971, the Foundation Board expanded to 21 directors in August 1972 as permitted by the state charter by-laws. The Foundation was created "for the promotion, goals and programs of Northwest Missouri State University."

The first Foundation fund appeal coincided with the elevation of the school to university status. Alumni contributors received miniature diplomas showing the donors as NWMSU graduates, whether they graduated from the State Normal School, Missouri State Teachers College or Northwest Missouri State College.

For the fall semester, the Foundation awarded 53 scholarships totaling \$6177.50.

One of the first appeals was for the University library. Gifts are still being sent specified for the library or another area of the University.

Only six years old, the Foundation has given a total of \$80,000 to the University. They have purchased 236 acres of farm land to be used as a teaching-lab.

The Foundation has also acknowledged faculty achievements in the form of stipends. By being able to combine previously existing smaller funds the Foundation awarded the first Educational Foundation Memorial Scholarship this fall.

The Beatrix Wynn Ford estate bequest

of \$90,232.32 is the largest ever received by the University. Invested, the bequest will provide for eight annual scholarships of \$500. The first of these was awarded last spring.

Maxine McDermott Hill, Kansas City, has been announced as a new Foundation Board member. Hill attended the University from 1947-49 and presently manages the Raphael Hotel in Kansas City. Hill takes the place of Elbert Barrett, Scottsdale, AZ.

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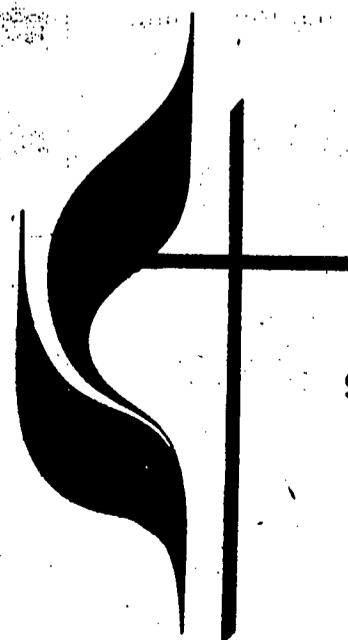
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Trend reflects more middle-aged students

Joy Wade

If you've noticed an increased number of older-looking students on campus, it isn't because the workload has been aging them prematurely.

This campus is merely part of a national trend for adults to enter college after spending several years raising a family or working. With declining enrollments, colleges and universities are welcoming the new influx of students.

Approximate figures are available for full and part-time students in the over-30 bracket this semester, since some were reluctant to admit their age. One man admitted to being 64, and thus is the only student over 60 to be perfectly honest on his enrollment forms. In addition, there are at least 16 students from 51-60 years old, 64 from 41-50 and 246 from 30-40.

Those who are at least 65 and receive some form of retirement pay or are unemployed are given free tuition. The only fees required are the book deposit and parking permit, if necessary.

Few problems are encountered by Leonard Hall, a 46-year-old retired air force officer who decided to return for an education degree in psychology. "I wanted to teach; I wanted to work with young people," he explained. "I have had complete acceptance in the classroom, so this is working out just fine."



Robert C. Miller studies a book on cabinet making for his two-year construction major. Many older students are returning to college after many years' absence. Photo by Chuck Stoltz.

Driving 70 miles round trip from Denver, MO, every day, Hall has earned the respect of his neighbors and says "my relatives think it's fantastic." Usually his

classes run from two to four days a week, leaving time to finish work around his home also.

Although Hall doesn't participate

actively in the campus social life because of the age difference, he does recall "one woman about in her 40's, a grandmother, who lived in a dorm a couple of years ago and enjoyed the campus socially. Her room was packed all the time with girls, and they pulled her into events."

Another woman who commutes 70 miles a day from Iowa is picking up a library science degree in education. Since her high school graduation 27 years ago, she has noticed little change in classrooms socially and also experiences no problems.

"There are a lot of differences academically, as modern math has started since I came to school. I see all of those formulas and think, 'I haven't had my head in the sand all these years, why don't I remember more of these things!'"

Even though some of her friends see no reason for her return to the classroom, she explained, "I feel this will be a good life insurance policy for me. If I ever need to teach, if I can't find work in a library, I'll be able to."

Although it's too soon to estimate whether or not this movement is a lasting one, it can only be assumed that middle-aged adults are joining the younger people in standing up for their personal desires in life.

Speech and Hearing Association meets

National Students of Speech and Hearing Association (NSSHA), an organization chartered this fall, has elected its first slate of officers. Cheryl DeWeerd has been named to head the group while Nancy Young, vice-pres.; Robin Lewis, sec.; Sonja Walton, public relations chairman will offer her support.

NSSHA is an organization for students in speech and hearing disorders. It operates

as an independent organization and is recognized by the professional society, the American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA), as the official organization for students interested in speech, language and hearing processes and disorders.

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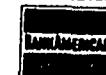
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The counseling center provides individual assistance to get you through the rough spots. From 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, Counseling Psychologists Dave Sundberg and Rick Long offer one-to-one guidance in Cauffield Hall.

"Basically, it's an educational center, and we're here primarily to help students get the most from their education," said Long. Living in a new environment away from home, sharing a dorm room with a roommate, or whatever the situation, doubts and fears are bound to creep up.

The counselors work with any form of anxiety you might have that would hinder the educational process. You might come from a small town and be overwhelmed by the size of the University. You might be having problems coping with your own sexuality or your first sexual experience. You might be a senior and unsure of your future. You might be faced with new temptations, new freedoms and ideas that you find somewhat frightening. You might feel totally lost under the burden of your classwork.

Perhaps too much emphasis has been put on the center's facility for major problem-solving. It can also be an outlet for discussing new ideas or just getting some tension out of your system.

"There's an assumption that 'my problem is too little to bother anybody with,'" said Sundberg. But, any problem is a problem if it's bothering YOU."

If studying seems to be a dilemma, the center offers study skills training to teach you how. Usually done in groups, the skills are also taught on an individual basis by instructing you how to study or refining the skills you already have.

Weight control is likewise offered on a one-to-one basis.

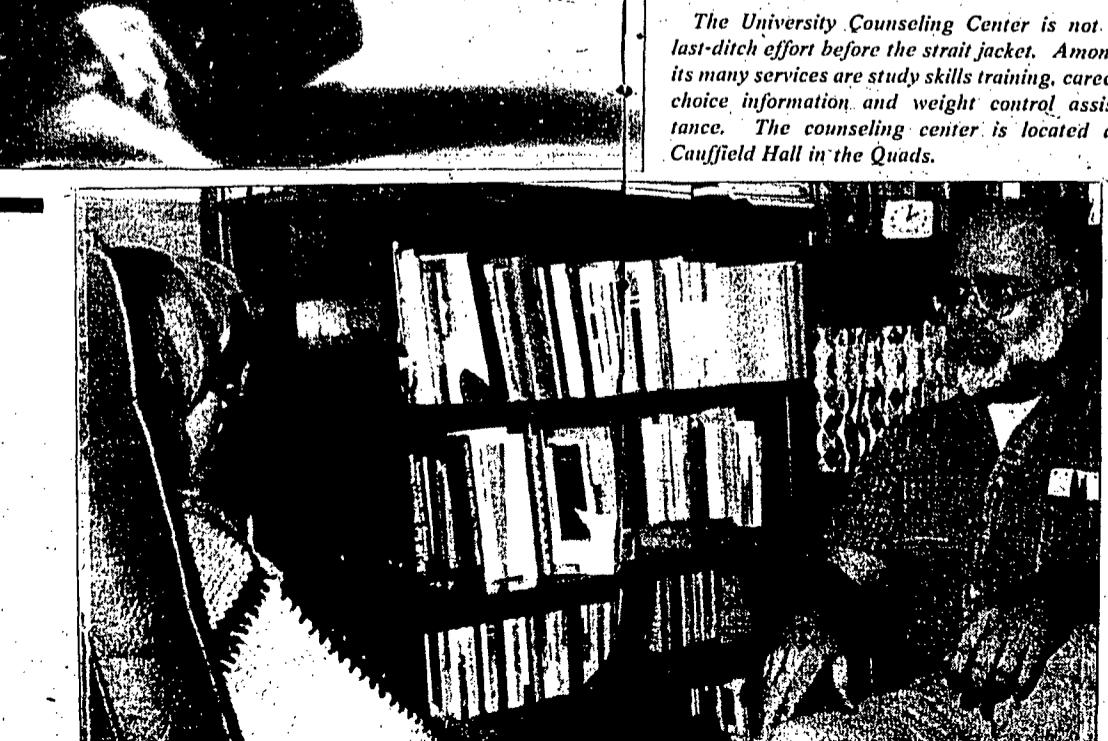
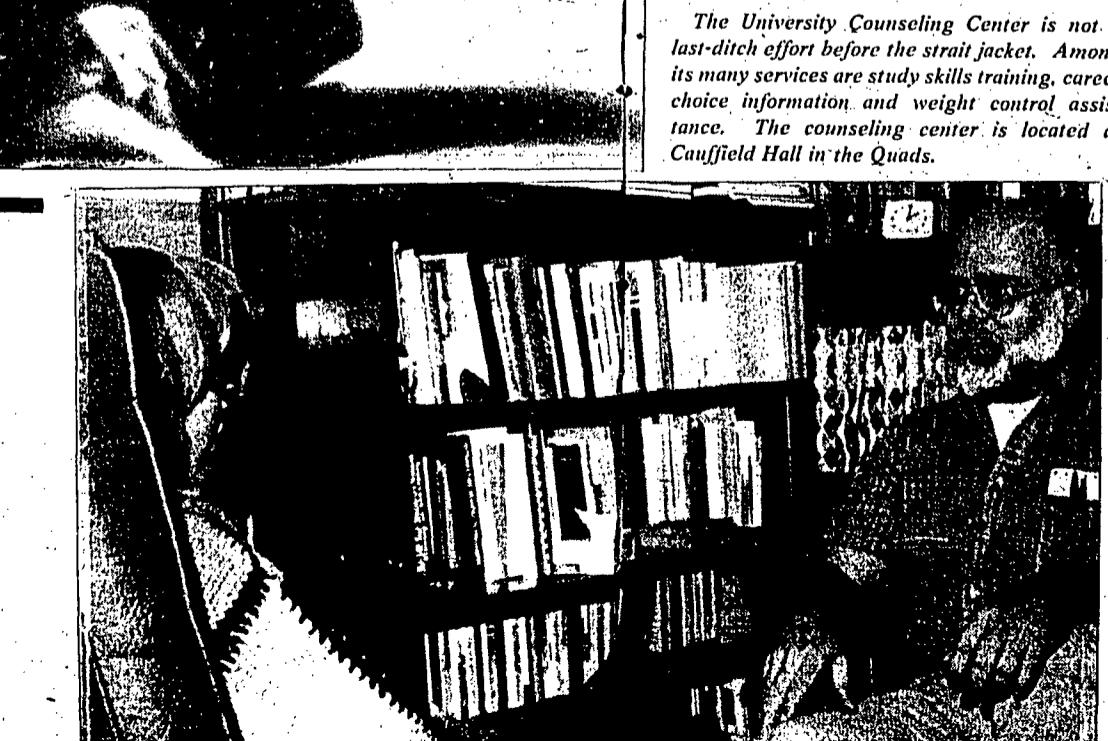
Even if no problem is apparent, the counselors offer guidance toward getting along better with your roommate, learning to relax, picking a career and generally becoming more content with your college lifestyle.

Part of college is your struggle with your sense of who you are, what you're comfortable with and where you want to go. Doubts about self can cast a black cloud over an otherwise gratifying college career.

Relax. You're perfectly normal. Although it may not seem quite fair, college students are vulnerable to feelings of uncertainty and drastic mood swings. It's all a part of the process.

But sometimes the pressure may become more than you can handle alone. You need an objective listener who is able to sort through your concerns and guide you toward your own answers.

The University Counseling Center can help. Through individual and group guidance, college can be a more satisfying, positive experience.



get together and rap it out with others

Problems, when faced alone, can often crush you. When shared with another individual, the burden may lighten, but it often takes the support of a group to conquer your problem.

Group interaction is one mode the Counseling Center uses to ease a student's rough encounter with college. "We try to keep them fun because life is fun, but fun is not our main goal," explained Counseling Psychologist Rick Long.

According to Dave Sundberg, counseling psychologist, the "essence of the groups is to give the individual person power over his life."

While looking at elements of nutrition and adhering to a daily minimum intake of 1000 calories, exercise is emphasized as a vital part of the diet equation. Muscle-toning exercises are introduced, but, according to Sundberg, a brisk walk (a mile in 20 minutes) is the best form of exercise.

For some people "the only walking is from the door of their house to the door of their car," said Sundberg.

"It takes courage for a woman to become assertive and courage for a man to understand what is happening."

Fast food restaurants and 550-calorie Big Macs don't have to be obliterated from a diet. According to Sundberg, you don't have to "give up things you like to eat but plan for them."

This way a person has control over food; it doesn't have control over them. "How would you like to be controlled by a piece of pie?" Sundberg asks his group.

Through his work with the Weight Control group, Sundberg has observed several patterns of a student's eating habits. He has labeled these as "late-night munchies" and "weekend disasters." Other pitfalls include eating while watching T.V. or when socializing with friends.

Sundberg's semester groups meet on Tuesday and Thursday from 4-5 p.m. or from 5-6 p.m. in the Maple Room of the Student Union.

The Study Skills Group, meeting in Hake Hall at 3 p.m. on Wednesday or in the Counseling Center at 11 a.m. on Thursday, is a six-week program. According to Long, the over-all group objective is "more effective study."

Each one-hour session accomplishes a specific goal. Goals include learning note and test-taking strategies, becoming motivated to study, exposure to methods of relaxation and time scheduling and learning to read effectively.

"Part of growth is coming to grips with the responsibility you have over your own life."

According to Long, "part of growth is coming to grips with the responsibility you have over your own life." The group encourages this by requiring that a student is honest about his study behavior and takes responsibility for it.

"I try to point out their progress," continued Long. "Yes, the cup is half-empty, but it is also half-full."

With the continuation of these two groups, two more groups will be added to the list for next semester: Assertive Training and Career Exploration.

The Assertive Training group will strive to "help a person take greater charge of their life," said Long, the probable leader of the group. "Last semester Annelie Lowman, home economics instructor, served as co-facilitator of this program."

More females than males were involved in the group last semester. According to Long, assertion training is a "big part of the women's movement."

"It takes courage for a woman to become assertive and courage for a man to understand what is happening," said Long.

Through these four groups, the Counseling Center provides an "awareness and realization process" for students. Long is working toward the offering of one-hour credit for group participation. He admits that the "basic reason for college is educational, but growing as a person is also important."

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History symposium honors inauguration



Aaron Abbot, left, and Drexel Lewis, residents of VanZomeren's group home, learn such living skills as washing dishes. There are six other residents also living in the home, learning to be more independent. Photo by Dave Gieseke.

Special people learn vital skills

The residents of 210 East Edwards are normal despite their condition... retardation.

Professor of psychology Wayne VanZomeren is the guiding force behind the home. "We opened the house in February of this year with the idea of helping these people to help themselves," said VanZomeren.

One of the important factors that VanZomeren hopes to achieve is that of normalization.

"The concept of this is simple, but the practice of it is hard," said VanZomeren. "We try to have them do tasks like cleaning their rooms, and washing dishes--skills that are necessary for living."

Independence and responsibility also play an important role at the house. "The

amount of independence they get depends upon the responsibility they display. Basically we're working for them to build up their self esteem," he said.

The home's residents have a chance to demonstrate their responsibility through the Nodaway County Sheltered Workshop, which provides jobs for them.

The work they do is sub-contracted thus they get paid for what they produce. Their total weekly income adds up to \$8 or \$13

Because money is tight, the value of money is a lesson each of the home's seven residents must learn.

VanZomeren said, "They have strengths and limitations like all people, but hopefully, with time they will be able to cope and better adjust themselves to society."

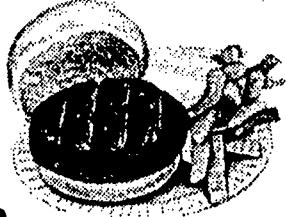
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"Historic Reflections of Northwest Missouri, Today and Tomorrow," sponsored by the Department of History to be held Nov. 17, is the first symposium to be announced for the Inaugural Week.

"To honor the Inauguration and to expose the students to the learned professors of the area" is the purpose of the symposium, said Tom Carneal, chairman of the Department of History Inaugural Committee.

Highlighting the event will be three prominent Missouri educators.

Dr. David March, president of Northeast Missouri State University, will discuss the history of Northwest Missouri and the economic development of the area.

Dr. Patrick McCleare, an instructor at Missouri Western State College and an NWMSU undergraduate, will explain what Northwest Missouri means to him. He has lived, been educated and is now teaching in the area.

Finally, Central Missouri State University President Dr. Warren Lovinger will speak on the role of the regional university and the rural vs. the urban university.

Providing general remarks for the symposium will be Dr. John Harr, chairman of the Department of History, and Carneal. Dr. Robert Bohiken, chairman of the Speech and Theater Department will moderate the symposium.

In addition to the evening events, speakers will be visiting history classes during the day, and all students are invited to attend the lectures.

Dr. James C. Olson, president of the University of Missouri, and Dr. Duane Meyer, president of Southwest Missouri State University will speak to history classes, via video tape. Dr. Olson will

discuss the role of the regional university in relationship to the University of Missouri, while Dr. Meyer will present the "Heritage of Missouri: A History."

These speakers and the evening symposium "will be an educational experience for the students and for the faculty as well," said Carneal.

All students and faculty are invited to attend the symposium, which is tentatively scheduled to be held in Charles Johnson Theater.



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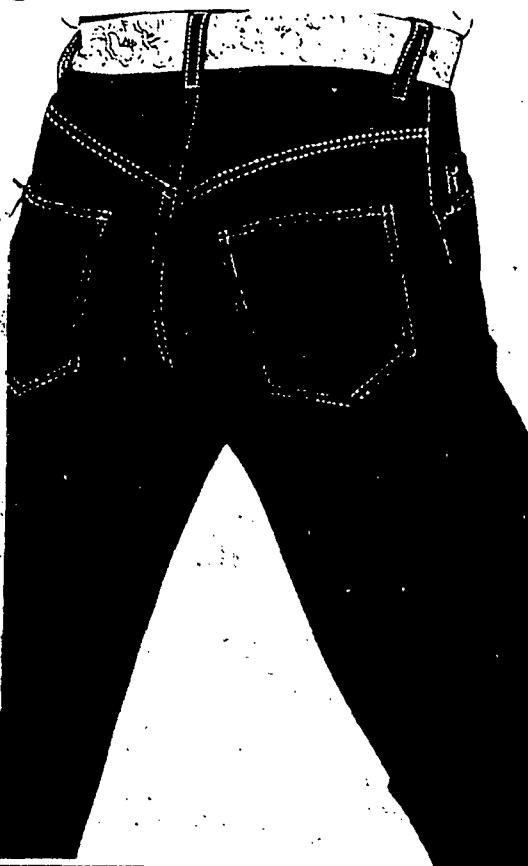
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Metalsmithing exhibition

Hageman displays old craft

Lee Hageman, associate professor of art, has been invited to display samples of his metalsmithing in the "Mid American Metalcrafts '77" exhibition Nov. 1-Dec. 15 in the Kansas City Public Library.

Hageman described the exhibit as "an educational show for the general public to familiarize them with trends in contemporary metalsmithing and jewelry making." Traditions of the art will be included, as well as displays on the jewelry and silversmithing process. Library hours are from 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Thurs., and from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Fri. and Sat.

The craftsmen will represent a cross section of independent, trade, educators and student metalworkers from Missouri and Kansas.

Hageman's exhibits represent a new trend in metalsmithing—the use of pewter. This material, which was replaced by silver-plating in the colonial days, is now

being revived as a practical metal in the art field.

A three-burner oil lamp is one of Hageman's exhibits, which has also been in regional and national shows. Standing about 18 inches high and 12 inches wide, the lamp was made primarily as a centerpiece or ornament.

Another exhibit, a black and white candy box, features Hageman's discovery of darkening the pewter on the bottom half of the box. He described the top as displaying "a profile of my view of the Missouri countryside."

Completing the exhibits is a coffee service with rosewood handles, a "color box" containing 64 crayons arranged in a visual pattern and a pencil box decorated with wire work.

Sponsored by the Kansas City Public Library and the Missouri State Council on the Arts, the display is being held for the third year.



Combining a new trend, the use of pewter, with an old craft, metalsmithing, Lee Hageman's creations will be exhibited at the Kansas City Public Library this fall. He is working on a pewter coffee pot. Photo by Jay Liebenguth.

Bearfacts

Fans of the Bearcat Marching Band have a chance to take a portion of the band into their homes.

Available for \$5 from any band member or at the music department office in the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building is a long-playing record album featuring some of the band's most noted selections from last year.

Recorded in the Charles Johnson Theatre with Perry Echelberger, operations manager for the University's KXCV-FM, serving as recording engineer, the 14-selection album includes contemporary favorites "Theme from S.W.A.T.," "Love in the Shadows," "T.S.O.P.," "MacArthur Park" and others.

Copies of the 1978 College Placement Annuals are available at the University Placement Services, according to Donald K. Carlile, director of Placement.

The 408-page publication of the College Placement Council carries the occupational needs anticipated by approximately 1,300 corporate and governmental employers who normally recruit college graduates. In addition to the alphabetical listing of employers, indexes carry occupational, geographical and special employment categories.

The valuable reference has articles of interest to the job seeker—the proper approach, self-study, collecting information, preparing strategy, including application letters, resumes, other communications and the interviews.

Official fall enrollment totals released by Dr. John Mees, vice-president for student development, show 3,764 undergraduates and 649 graduate students enrolled.

This fall's total enrollment is 213 students less than the 4,626 students enrolled last fall in undergraduate and graduate course work.

A breakdown of enrollment figures for the current semester by classification includes the following totals by classification: freshmen (including 1,030 first-time freshmen), 1,419; sophomores, 845; juniors, 617; seniors, 883; graduate, 649.

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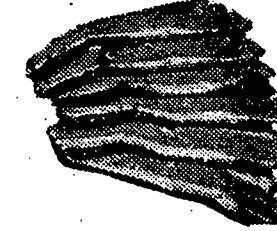
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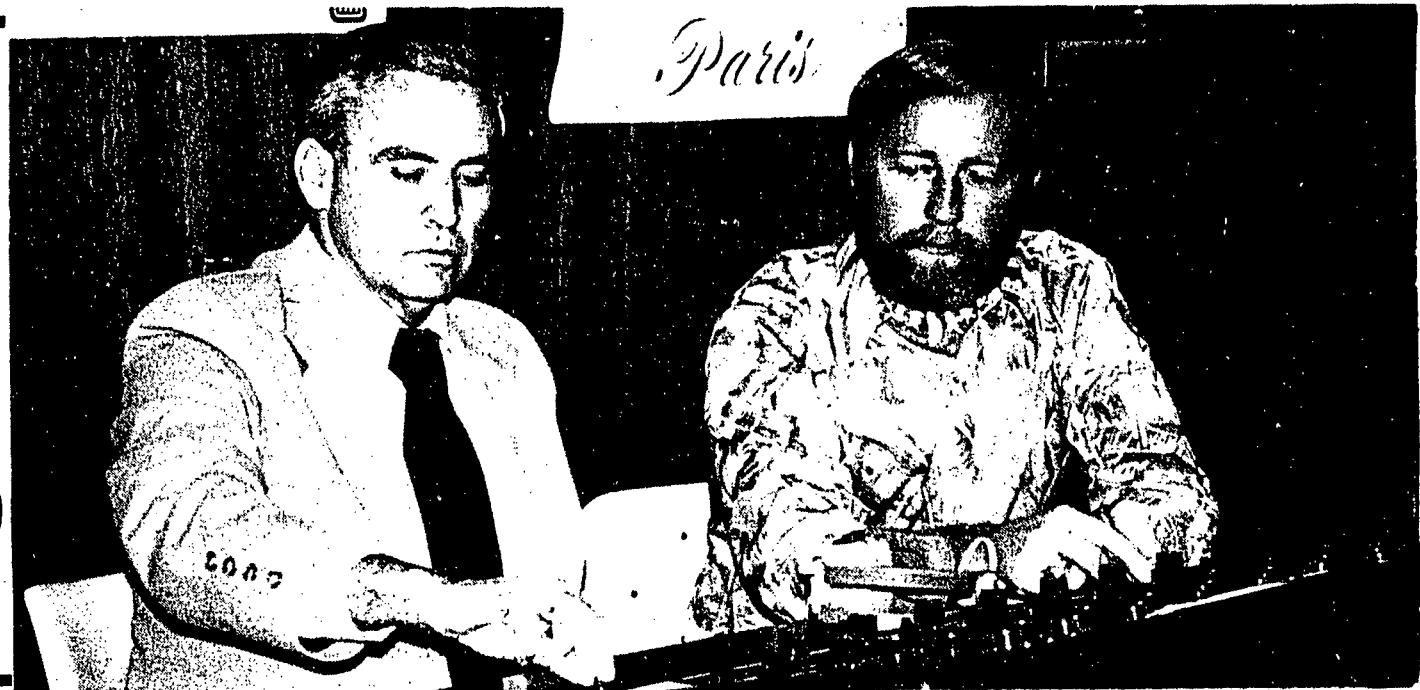
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Geography prof learns Spanish for Yucatan trip



Dr. Luis Macias instructs Dr. Byron Augustin on the use of the foreign language lab for use in Augustin's Yucatan trip. Photo by Chuck Stoltz.

Faith Hamilton

Some college students might say it is the student who gives the most of himself for a class, not the professor, but geography students aren't making this claim.

Dr. Byron Augustin, associate professor in geography, is not only offering a new class for the students this spring, but is also taking a beginning Spanish language class to prepare himself for the new course which includes a field trip to the Yucatan peninsula in Mexico.

The professor, in his eighth year of teaching at NWMSU, is offering a maximum of 15 students the chance to research and gain first-hand knowledge of the physical and cultural aspects of the Yucatan environment.

As a two-credit-hour course the field trip will include two required night sessions before the trip to prepare for it. The students with Dr. Augustin and possibly another NWMSU instructor will leave March 3 and drive to New Orleans where they will fly to Merida on the Yucatan and begin their week of field work.

Dr. Augustin's objective of the course is "to encourage the students at NWMSU to involve themselves in field research in a physical and cultural setting, that will be unique to them," he said.

Dr. Augustin said a heavy emphasis will be put on studying the impact of the Mayan culture. The Mayan people lived on the Yucatan from 800 B.C. to the 1500's, leaving many historic remains.

While in the Yucatan area the group will also do field research and investigation at Karst topography at Balankanche and Lottum Caves, the tropical rain forest near

Valladolid, study the Caribbean tourist industry on Isla Miseres, Xelha National Park and the urban geography of Merida. Field tours to a henequen plantation and the Cordamex processing factory and the Port of Progreso will be included.

The cost for the 500 level class, including tuition, is \$324. This pays for the airline tickets, food and other expenses.

Inspiration for the trip came when Dr. Augustin and Dr. David Cargo, chairman of the Department of Earth Science, took a group of students south to Dolphin Island in the Gulf of Mexico this summer. While on the trip the professors were talking of the advantages of field trips with instructors from the University of Alabama. The southern professors told of a trip they take their students on every year to the Yucatan.

Discussion over a possible joint field trip was halted when a clash of spring break times was discovered. But, the Alabama professors supplied Dr. Augustin information and details about the trip.

Even before the new graduate-senior course gained approval of the graduate studies council, Dr. Augustin enrolled in the beginning Spanish course.

The professor, along with one of the geography students going on the trip, are taking both the Spanish A and B courses offered by Dr. Luis Macias this year.

Dr. Augustin said he and his student are "excited about trying the new language out on each other."

Because Dr. Augustin's teaching schedule was already made before the trip was planned in August, he said he was very lucky the Spanish class fit into his schedule. But he does have to work in two Spanish labs around his teaching duties.

Although Dr. Augustin is trying to set an example for his geography students, he admitted the Spanish class "gives me a new challenge. I think it is an attempt to broaden my education."

Sigma Alpha Iota receives award

The Epsilon Phi Chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota received the College Chapter Achievement Award for the Pi Province.

The College Chapter Achievement Award is given annually to the Province chapter that best fulfills the national objectives of Sigma Alpha Iota.

Sigma Alpha Iota is an academic fraternity in the field of music. The Pi Province includes all seven chapters of SAI in Missouri.

This is the first year that the Epsilon Phi

Chapter has received the award.

The award was made during Province Days Sept. 18-19 at Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville. Representing the Epsilon Phi Chapter at Province Days were Celestine Epps, Joyce Wood and Sarah Young.

Dixie Lou Morris, the Province president is visiting the NWMSU chapter of SAI Oct. 6-7. She is meeting with the members and sponsors of the chapter and is visiting the music department.

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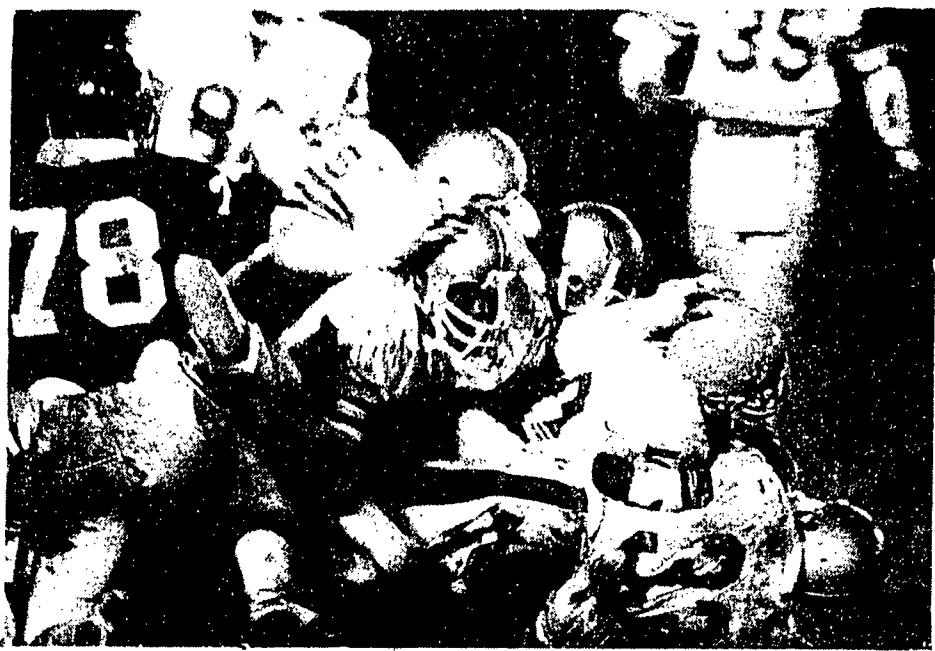
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Despite gang tackling by the Central Arkansas team Bryan Ricks scored NWMSU's only touchdown last Saturday night. The 'Cats lost their second straight game 27-7 to Central Arkansas. Photo by Jay Liebenguth.

Spirit squad reaps rewards

Those coordinated antics of the spirited people along the football sidelines are the result of hours of practice as well as judging by NWMSU personnel and the staff of the Universal Cheerleading Association, America's only all-college cheerleading camp.

Northwestern University, Louisiana State University and University of Missouri, as well as NWMSU attended the camp in Memphis, TN, to help develop the routines and cheers used during the season.

Team spirit, performance, motions, coordination and personal appearance were areas for which the 'Cats received daily awards. "We were given points each day and had to get so many to get ribbon ratings," said cheerleader Chuck Reineke.

"The first day we won a white ribbon, then on the second day we got a red and improved enough to win the blue ribbon and a spirit stick on the last two days.

Ribbons ranged from green to white to red to blue and some teams didn't even get a ribbon," he said.

"What really shocked us was when we were chosen from all those big colleges to compete in the finals against two other teams. We didn't win but learned a lot of cheers and techniques from the other teams," Reineke said.

These techniques, Reineke said, have helped the squad become more enthusiastic and the crowd becomes more involved.

"Little things make a big difference", he explained, "like facial expressions, clapping, or even the school color on everybody in a section, like Nebraska does with red."

Reineke also said this year's goal is to develop the squad into one of the best in the conference and added he would like to see more fans cheering as well as attending the games.

Bearcats drop turnovers and game

Too many turnovers proved costly for the Bearcats last Saturday, giving the visiting Central Arkansas Bears all the help they needed to post a 27-7 victory.

The loss dropped the Bearcats to a record of 3-2. The game was their final of non-conference play.

The Bearcats totaled more yardage than the Bears, gaining 264 yards to Central Arkansas' 237, but three Bearcat drives were ended by two lost fumbles and three interceptions.

Central Arkansas was the first team to score, less than six minutes into the game, on a one-yard plunge by Bryan Ricks. The score came at the end of a 10-play, 69-yard drive. The extra point put the Bears out in front 7-0, a lead they never relinquished.

The Bearcats managed to tie up the score with less than a minute gone in the second quarter on a one-yard run by Ben Birchfield. The play capped an 11-play, 88-yard drive. Shawn Geraghty added the extra point.

Later in the second quarter, Central Arkansas regained the lead after driving 88 yards to score. Ricks once again scored

from the one, and the extra point gave the Bears a 14-7 lead at the end of the first half.

The third quarter was scoreless until about midway. The Bearcats were forced punt after a short drive fizzled. Defensive back Joe Carter received the punt and dashed 75 yards to paydirt to give the Bears a 20-7 lead.

The Bears added one more touchdown in the final quarter. After a punt was

fumbled by the Bearcats on their own 15, a 14-yard pass play by the Bears put them into the end zone one more time. After the extra point, the final score stood at 27-7.

Several 'Cats managed good games, statistically, despite the loss. Running back Dan Montgomery ran for his second 100-yards-plus game of the season, gaining 103 yards on 21 carries. Ben Birchfield added 58 yards. However, quarterback Kirk Mathews, the Bearcats third-leading

rusher so far this year, was held to minus yards for the first time this season. He lost a total of 12 yards.

Mathews and backup quarterback Mark Smith completed 7 of 14 pass attempts for a total of 111 yards. Brad Boyer hauled in three of those for 57 yards.

Attention!

- * This is the last week for organization pictures. To be in the yearbook, ALL organizations must have their picture taken by Oct. 13. Check the schedule below for an appointment time.
- * Call TOWER for faculty, student and organization appointments, ext. 192 or 186; or stop by McCracken Hall.
- * 5:00- NSSHA Monday, Oct. 10
- * 5:10- open
- * 5:20- Sigma Society
- * 5:30-5:50- open
- * 6:00- Circle K
- * 6:10- open
- * 6:20- Phillips Dorm Council
- * 6:30- Delta Tau Alpha
- * 6:40- Pre-Med Club
- * 6:50-7:00- open
- * 5:00-5:10- open Tuesday, Oct. 11
- * 5:20- IRC
- * 5:30- Psychology Club
- * 5:40- Phi Mu
- * 5:50- open
- * 6:00- APP
- * 6:10- open
- * 6:20- Beta Beta Beta
- * 6:30- open
- * 6:40- Accounting Society
- * 6:50- Delta Psi Kappa
- * 7:00- Math Club Student Senate Wednesday, Oct. 12
- * 5:00- Roberta Dorm Council
- * 5:10- open
- * 5:20- Kappa Omicron Phi
- * 5:30- open
- * 5:40- Alpha Beta Alpha
- * 5:50-6:40- open
- * 6:50- Fellowship of Chrstn Athletes
- * 7:00- open Thursday, Oct. 13
- * 5:00- Alpha Psi Omega
- * 5:10- Cardinal Key
- * 5:20- Gymnastics Team
- * 5:30- open
- * 5:30- Kelley Filaneans
- * 5:40- open
- * 5:50- TKE's
- * 6:00- open
- * 6:10- S.A.I.
- * 6:20- open
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- * 6:40- Delta Sigma-Phi
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Conference action starts tomorrow

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You might say that pre-season is finally over.

After five weeks of warming up, the MIAA conference schedule finally gets underway this weekend with six teams squaring off against each other in the inaugural weekend of action.

It appears that this year's race for the title could be just as close as last year when two teams, Southeast Missouri State and Northeast Missouri State, tied for top honors. Right behind those two, who posted 4-1-1 conference records, were Northwest and Southwest Missouri State, who each managed a 4-2 loop record.

Balance once again appears to be the key word in the conference. According to Bearcat Coach Jim Redd, "This is one of the most balanced conferences in Division II. Any team could have a shot at the title, except perhaps Lincoln."

Lincoln will be trying to recover from a winless season a year ago, being picked to finish last in the conference on a pre-season MIAA coaches' poll. But they seem better than a year ago, having managed one tie in their non-conference meetings this year.

The rest of the conference, as seen by the pre-season coaches' poll, shapes up like this: 1. Northeast Missouri; 2. Southeast Missouri; 3. Northwest Missouri; 4. Southwest Missouri; 5. Central Missouri; and 6. Missouri-Rolla.

Northeast Missouri, according to Redd, has "the best team they have ever had." They have managed a record of 4-1 so far while playing teams like Northern Iowa, Eastern Illinois and South Dakota. Their only loss so far has been at the hands of Kentucky State, who beat them by a field goal.

The Bulldogs are a talented team and are led by running back Steve Powell. Powell led the MIAA in rushing a year ago as a first team all-conference pick. He finished sixth in Division II rushing standings and is ranked second early this year. Helping Powell on offense are first-team, all-conference selections Steve Rampy, quarterback, and wide receiver Lloyd Henry.

Picked to finish directly behind Northeast is Southeast Missouri. They have managed a 3-2 non-conference slate. Included in that is a victory over Central Arkansas, who beat the Bearcats 27-7 last Saturday. Southeast defeated Central Arkansas on Central's home field.

Southeast is a threat to score from anywhere inside the opposition's territory, thanks to their record-breaking kicker, Mike Wood. Wood holds the all-time NCAA career field goal record, with 51 prior to their last game. Included in those field goals is one from 62 yards out.

Wood receives offensive help from running back Jack Gokin, who is third in the conference in rushing after four games this year.

Picked to finish directly behind the Bearcats in fourth place is Southwest

Missouri. They will be the 'Cats first conference test, hosting the Bearcats this Saturday.

The Bears have posted a 3-1 mark so far this year, managing to do this on a prolific offense that averaged 30 points per game during their first three games. Heading that offense is running back John Gianini, who in his first three games scored five touchdowns. The passing game is headed by quarterback Mitch Ware, who can go to last year's conference leading receiver, Tom Hamilton.

Central Missouri State, the Bearcats' homecoming opponent, is picked for fifth place. According to Redd, Central is the real sleeper of the conference this year.

So far they have not fared too well, managing only a 1-3 mark, but they are capable of the upset, as witnessed by their 14-point victory over co-champ Northeast Missouri a year ago.

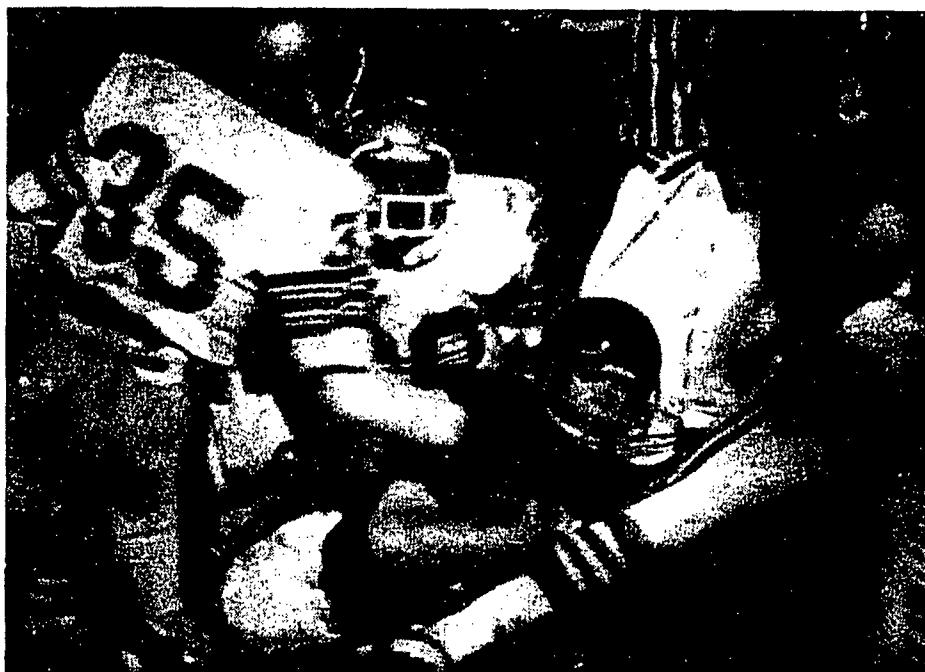
They have an excellent receiving corps, led by Rusty Sweeney, who after three games, was fourth in the conference in receptions.

Pegged to finish just ahead of Lincoln is Missouri-Rolla. Rolla looks to be a team that could surprise the opposition. Although posting only a 2-2 record so far, they have some steady offensive performers, led by running back Terry Ryan. Ryan, after four games, was second in the conference in rushing with 502 yards.

He is complemented by an excellent passing game. Quarterbacking for the Miners is Ken Vaughn, who was the top passer in the conference after four games. He can throw to the top receiver in the conference, Andy Cox, or the number three man, David Hall.

Defense seems to be the Miners' weak point so far. They have given up an average of 22.8 points per game, about five more than they score per game.

So, it looks to be a tough year for the Bearcats as they try to capture the conference crown for the first time since 1974.



It takes almost the whole team to bring down Bearcat running back Dan Montgomery. Montgomery had his second 100-yard-plus game of the season in Saturday's loss to Central Arkansas. Photo by Jay Liebenguth.

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Throughout history, people have climbed mountains, swam seas, and crossed deserts "just because they're there."

This adventurous spirit still exists as freshman Mike Loprete prepares to run across the United States in less than 79 days.

"I just decided one day, while talking to my parents that I wanted to do it," said Mike.

An engineering major from Freehold, NJ, Mike started running about four miles a day when he was 17. He ran cross-country and track one year in high school and one year at Citadel Military College, NC. He's been active in other sports, such as baseball, and he says "this has helped to build me physically."

To prepare for his journey, Mike runs daily. He has gradually increased his distance and now runs the 20 miles to Pickering and back.

Mike plans to begin his nation-wide trek next May, and is hoping to complete it in less than the record of 79 days.

Crossing from one ocean to the other, Mike will start at Point Pleasant, NJ and

Wrestling season set

NWMSU varsity wrestling team will attempt to build onto the 21-year string of consecutive winning teams. The last time a 'Cat wrestling squad finished below .500 was 1956. Coach George Worley has added to this string with nine winning seasons under his reign.

Only three seniors are missing from last year's team which finished second in the MIAA and was ranked 17th nationally. Eleven returning lettermen will try to surpass a 13-3 dual record of a year ago.

"This year's team has a lot of potential from returning members of a year ago and incoming wrestlers," said Coach Worley. Great seasons are expected from Mike Calwell, Gary Sambursky and Captain Glen Zenor, all of whom finished strong a year ago.

The wrestling 'Cats will open their season Dec. 3 at Graceland Invitational Tournament. Coach Worley would like to welcome anyone who would like to try out for the team. All interested persons should contact Coach Worley at Lamkin Gym.

Sport spot

There is a Bearcat Cross Country meet this afternoon (Oct. 7) against Nebraska-Omaha and Central Missouri State in Omaha.

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will run to the Pacific, somewhere in California.

"The hardest part is trying to find a direct route because of the interstates," he said.

Mike's brothers will travel with him by car, carrying his belongings and to be available in case problems arise.

Like other adventurous spirits before him, Mike has no great purpose for running across the U.S. except that "it's there." As he put it, "Wouldn't anybody want to do it?"



Freshman Mike Loprete relaxes for a moment before running his customary 20 miles a day. Loprete plans to run across the United States in less than 79 days this summer. Photo by Chuck Stoltz.

The challenge.

This is a cryptogram, a form of code language, where letters of the alphabet stand for other letters of the alphabet. For instance, the words "A CAT" in a cryptogram might be below, and discover its hidden message.

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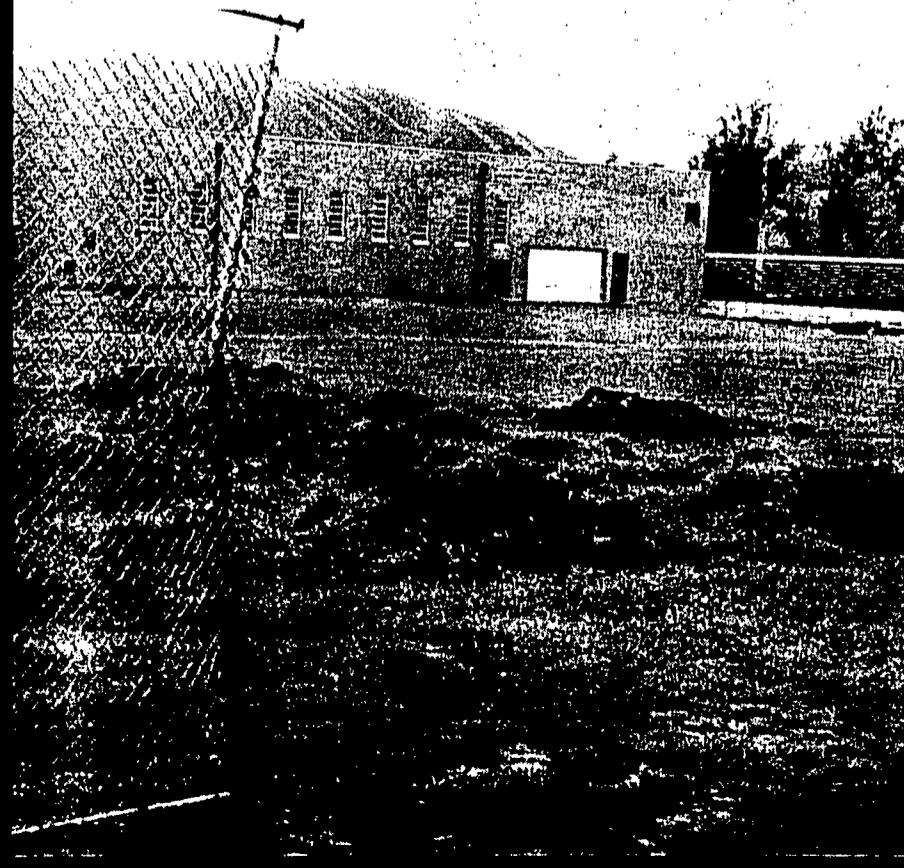
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The Stroller

Event: basic football game. Us vs. Them (Central Arkansas).

Weather Conditions: constant drizzle, arctic temperatures, accompanied by northerly winds.

Stroller's condition: ten-sheets in the wind.

Even though the wind whipped through the stadium; the rain dampened the fans and the Bearcats lost--your Stroller had a high ol' time at the old game. Many students brought hats, gloves, coats and blankets to keep warm. Not your Stroller--he brought something to warm up his insides--BOOZE!

Your Stroller was partaking of his favorite brew during the game, getting rowdy on occasions. However, he didn't want to create a disturbance or make a scene. Otherwise, Security would be on him in no time flat. Your Stroller had noticed that the security on students at football games was similar to the Gestapo on the Jews in Germany during World War II.

Everything was going just jim-dandy, nifty-keen until the big oaf, sitting in front of your Campus Carouser, decided to put up his umbrella.

Not a smart move. The umbrella was everywhere. In your Stroller's eye, nose, left ear, and once it tried to pierce his Adam's apple. Besides obstructing his view, and almost damaging parts of his person, your Stroller was really upset because the umbrella was obstructing his access to his bottle inside his coat.

So with as much tact as your boisterous Stroller could muster, he advised the klutzo person to get the —— thing out of his face.

Fate would have it that this klutzo was your basic King-Kong, Amazon-ape type--not one to go picking a fight with. After he mumbled something about punching your Stroller's lights out; your hero sat down and stifled himself. (Your Stroller is not the kind that enjoys unbearable pain and such nasties to be inflicted on his body.)

Realizing that the Amazon ape was not your fun-loving type person, your Stroller sat there and drank while the umbrella slowly let trickles of water drip, drip and drip all over his bod'. Not a fun time; but then the excitement began:

Jack Flash of Security climbed the railing and bounded into the stands to confiscate booze bottles. Students were going wild. Bottles were dropping to the ground below.

Those who were not fast enough were confiscated, along with their bottles and escorted out of the stadium.

Jack continued to show his Superman traits--faster than a speeding bullet, able to leap guard railings with a single bound and able to frisk students in three seconds or less. Slowly but surely, your Stroller saw all his party comrades being escorted out.

Realizing that he should get while the gettin's good, your Stroller literally rolled all the way down the bleachers, wiping out only three innocent bystanders on the way down.

All the way down the bleachers, per say, was underneath the bleachers. Picking himself up, your Stroller looked up, and lo and behold, recognized who was sitting above him.

Picking up a long, pointed stick your Stroller aimed, fired and Bingo! made contact with the protruding derriere of ol' Amazon Ape himself. Getting the legs kicking, your hero decided to exit stage left before Flash or Amazon nabbed him.

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